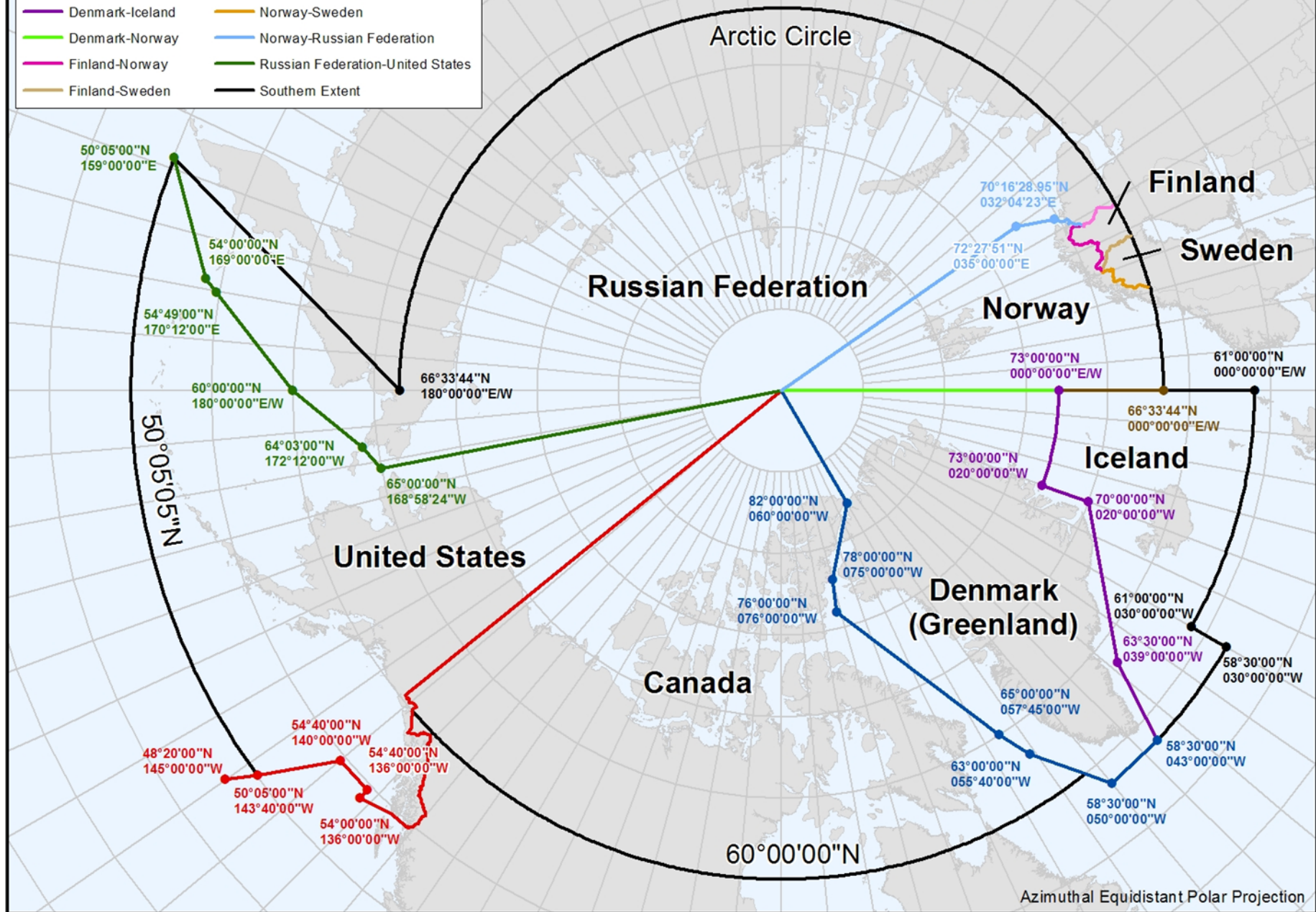


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WHY:

The amount of oil turnover in the 16 largest oil terminals of the Baltic Sea has been growing each year and reached more than 250 mln tones in 2008. The increasing density of shipping and rapidly rising amounts of oil being transported by sea mean that the risk of an accident involving serious oil pollution will increase correspondingly, unless counteractive measures are implemented.

WHAT:

Response exercises

In order to ensure the co-operation in case of a pollution incident the Contracting Parties regularly carry out exercises. The exercises range from "paper" exercises to operational exercises.

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BALEX DELTA:

BALEX DELTA exercises test the alarm procedures and response capability of the Contracting Parties in case of a major accident and an international response operation. The general objective of the BALEX DELTA exercises is to ensure that every Contracting Party is able to lead a major response operation. BALEX DELTA exercises take place each year and are hosted by the Contracting Parties according to an agreed schedule.

International operational exercises with participation of all Baltic Sea States (BALEX DELTA)

1.2000 Russia:	5 countries, 12 ships, 1 aircraft;
2.2001 Denmark:	7 countries, 11 ships, 2 aircraft;
3.2002 Latvia:	6 countries, 18 ships, 2 aircraft;
4.2003 Finland:	5 countries, 16 ships;
5.2004 Germany:	6 countries, 11 ships, 1 aircraft
6.2005 Sweden:	7 countries, 19 ships, 2 aircraft
7.2006 Poland:	7 countries + EMSA, 23 ships, 3 aircraft
8.2007 Estonia:	6 countries + EMSA, 17 ships, 1 helicopter
9.2008 Russia:	6 countries + EMSA, 18 ships, 2 helicopters;
10.2009 Latvia:	5 countries + EMSA, 8 ships;
11.2010 Lithuania:	7 countries + EMSA, 7 ships;
12.2011 Denmark:	8 countries + EMSA, 14 ships, 1 aircraft.

2012 BALEX DELTA IN FINLAND

2013 BALEX DELTA IN GERMANY

LARGEST PARTICIPATING VESSEL: KONTIO

Response equipment rigid sweeping arms system 2 x 12 m (total swept 48 m), weir and brush modules, brush skimmer system also for ice conditions, 2 x 250 m heavy duty boom, slick detection radar, sampling & testing facilities, multigaz detectors. Storage tank capacity 2 033 m³.



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